

1                    **REMARKS**

2                    The Office Action dated 08/12/2004 requires Applicant to elect one of group  
3 selected from among Groups I, II, III, IV and V.

4                    Group I includes: Claims 1—17, 81 and 82.

5                    Group II includes: Claims 18—25, 32, 33, 42, 43, 47 and 74—80.

6                    Group III includes: Claims 34—41 and 63—73.

7                    Group IV includes: Claims 26—31 and 48—62.

8                    Group V includes: Claims 44—46.

9                    The Applicant hereby elects Group I, without traverse, which includes claims 1—  
10 17, 81 and 82.

11                   The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned if any issues remain unresolved  
12 by this Response.

13                   Respectfully Submitted,

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